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IS THE STAGE SET FOR A KILLING?

TODAY the long-heralded Smith-Mitten proposed transit lease will be given to a special session of Councils. Some feeling of confidence in its provisions has been instilled in the public mind through the participation of Mr. Twining and Mr. Lewis in the negotiations.

It is apparent, however, even to stately bureaucrats, that no harm can result from popular tributes to selected men about to embark on the intensive training that will fit them to drive back the German legions. We can cheer and give them visible evidence of our appreciation of their sacrifices without impeding the cause of civilization and without giving Berlin any material advantage.

Philadelphians propose to do so. The Mayor sets aside September 1 as the great day. Let it be one of the greatest days the city has ever known, a day the memory of which will live long in the hearts and minds of those privileged to share in it, a day the inspiration of which no one of our citizen soldiers will ever forget and a day which will pass down into the permanent history of this era, setting a precedent which posterity in troubled times may follow.

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a broken gargoyle from Notre Dame, a bit of armor chain from the Tower, rubbed edges with fragments of native treasures. Diligent but ruthless was the amateur antiquarian.

SEPTEMBER 1

AMERICANS have been denied the spectacle of her grim-visaged men of war marching to their ships. The shouting and the tumult have not died because the Government has not yet let either be born. England and France, within the sound of the enemy's guns, may view our marching hosts, cheer them and from them take renewed comfort and determination.

RIGID CONTROL OF EXPORTS

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ENLISTING ART FOR THE WAR

BEFORE "marble and the gilded monuments of princes," as well as many memorials erected under republican auspices, the Spirit of Art has too often passed with her educated nose high in the air.

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BRAVE BRITONS AT GRIM TOIL

An Irish Battery in Action—A Bit of Welsh Pluck

By HENRI BAZIN
Special Correspondent of the Evening Ledger
AT THE BRITISH FRONT, July 26.
The British soldier, most not only just where, believe me, what I have seen in preparation and action was only the outer edge of some things that will be history before this story crosses the sea, or at least within a short time from when it is printed.

Artillery in Action

I experienced on this trip my most thrilling experience of the war. I sat huddled up with a British helmet on my head and my ears stuffed with cotton, watching an Irish battery in action. I think every man was red-headed. I am not sure, but I think so.

Safe for Democracy

Dear Sir—I am deeply interested in the splendid movement inaugurated by the Chicago school children. Their act of tearing references to the Kaiser from their school books is one of the bravest deeds of our children in my opinion.

Wish Miners' Quick Work

I saw the next morning another local attack that will remain in my memory for a long time. A Welsh comrade and I were seemingly started a little war of their own, beat it out of their trenches as if every man had arranged it with every other man.

Hard to Beat Nature

That afternoon I sat in a dugout with two Scotch officers, drinking a cup of tea and eating a scone. Just think of that—a scone! Because they don't even have them in London tea rooms now, I am told.

The Old Familiar Faces

ROB WECKERLY rises to inquire what ever became of George Baker, guardian of that old Bathy we were prattling about the other day, and who, when the spring froshets came and threatened to carry off the old bathhouse, was wont to dive deep under it with a chain and secure it to the shore.

Insoluble Conundrums

What would be a team of knockabout comedians do without hats? T. F. D.
The Misas has been at the twisted table talk again. We had corn on the cob last night and the next one of the children into the kitchen to get the

Tom Daly's Column

A CHILD'S FORTUNE
(For Marian Sadler, of 210 South Thirtieth street, whose look of pressed flowers was called the "Free Dutch" of revolutionaries.)

She who loves God's blossoms so,
As your faded treasures show,
No unkindly fate could doom
To the city's grim and gloom.

Let me tell and tell you true
What the future holds for you.

You who joined to be among
Flowering fields when you were young,
May not ever live apart
From their beauty in your heart.

There! I've told and told you true
What the future holds for you.

A little late for the office yesterday morning, we were waiting at Eleventh and Chestnut streets for the car. Along comes young Mr. Murray, charioteer of the Ledger Photo Patrol, and gives us the friendly sign. We hop in beside him.

The Labor Turnover in Mahanoy City

William T. Whitaker, reporter for the Mahanoy City Record since last September, has resigned to accept a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Philadelphia.

Somewhat, we seem to remember, has said that butter will keep indefinitely in storage, but we're mighty certain there is a limit upon eggs. Nevertheless, nearly every day as we near the Reading Terminal we are urged by a sign near Race street to "Save the coupons in Gurnee Butter and Milken Eggs for Free Trips to the Panama Exposition."

More Than \$25 a Month Wanted

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—What do you mean by saying that a soldier's wife can live on \$25 a month? Do you not know that many married women are almost as helpless as children in regard to making their own living?

Wayne Won a Medal, Too

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—A few days ago I read in your esteemed paper an article upon the medals that had been granted by Congress for meritorious military services.

Industrial Tyranny Charged

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—in your editorial of August 10 you made a sorry attempt to answer a correspondent's inquiry as to how a soldier's family can live on \$25 per month.

Aid Sought for a Young American

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—So many come to you for help or advice I have been interested in a boy for several years whose father deserted him. The lad is in an institution; is now a fine, bright fellow of fourteen.

The "You and I" Boys

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—For some time I've noticed articles in the papers concerning the displeasure about the selection of "Sammy" as a nickname for the soldiers and sailors.

To a "MERE" MAID

Oh, maiden fair, with 'oxid hair,
Are you a "dear" or are you "bare"?
Or are they phantoms of the sea?
Are you the maid, so prim and staid,
That once of men seemed quite afraid?



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Problem of Living on Soldier's Wages—Pope's Peace Plea Indorsed

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum and the editor assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents. Letters must be signed by the writer and will be written as necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. Who is the present Papal Secretary of State?
2. On which side of a ship does nautical tradition prescribe that the captain should sit?
3. What are "camelback" locomotives?
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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Oroya Railroad, of Peru, attains its highest altitude of 14,620 feet at the summit of Mont Huelmo.
2. The "camelback" locomotives of the Panama Canal are used for the transport of heavy machinery and supplies.
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Richmond's Fall Had to Be Proved

Sophistication as regards rumors is an inevitable product of a long war. We are realizing this today. Almost anything was credible in August, 1914. Belgium's gallant stand at Liege was viewed as an effective rebuke to the mighty force of German arms. A few weeks later the eddies of opinion swung in the other direction. Paris was regarded as doomed. The Battle of the Marne brought another revolution of judgment. We are wary of forecasts now and still more frigid toward rumors.

The "You and I" Boys

Third street first received the news. It flashed up Chestnut to the municipal office, which were then in the State House. Judge Allison, of the Common Pleas Court, the season made public announcement of the fact and, forgetting legal decorum, sought officers, litigants and jury gave hearty cheers. He forthrightly adjourned his court and his conferees followed his example. At noon Mayor Henry received a dispatch from Secretary Stanton confirming the news from Washington. Orders were immediately given to ring the bell in the tower of Independence Hall. Mousingmen Hall, Garden Hall and Germantown Hall seconded the clamor. An immense crowd assembled in front of the State House, such a cheering crowd as had not been heard there since the fall of Vicksburg was announced nearly from thousands of windows throughout the city. Joy-delirious wags with dinner bells announced the auction sale of the Confederacy. Men with placards shouted that four cents a pound would be paid for Confederate bonds. Guns and cannons roared. Steam whistles blew. From the roof of one newspaper office cannon salutes were fired at close intervals until late in the afternoon. All the volunteer firemen of the city and employees of the city organized rapturous processions. Bonfires and illuminations lighted the streets throughout the evening.

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